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Dear Mr. Arabatzis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Mordecai Island Coastal Wetlands Restoration Project in Ocean County, New Jersey. The goal of the restoration project is to reduce the wave-induced erosion occurring on Mordecai Island, a valuable island for fish and wildlife resources. The EA assesses the potential environmental effects from the restoration.

Based on our review of the draft EA, EPA does not believe that the implementation of the proposed project would result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Accordingly, EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grace Musumeci", is written above the typed name.

Grace Musumeci, Chief
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